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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations.

NAME.

This Association shall be called the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be the consideration and discussion of all questions pertaining to the successful progress and administration of the colleges and stations included in the Association, and to secure to that end mutual cooperation.

MEMBERSHIP.

(1) Every college established under the act of Congress approved July 2, 1862, or receiving the benefits of the act of Congress approved August 30, 1890, and every agricultural experiment station established under State or Congressional authority, the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Experiment Stations of the last-named Department, shall be eligible to membership in this Association.

(2) Any institution a member of the Association in full standing may send any number of delegates to the meetings of the Association, but one shall be designated to the Association as the regular representative and voting delegate. The same delegate may represent both a college and a station, but shall cast only one vote in general sessions. Other delegates may be designated by any institution to represent it in specified sections of the Association, but such delegates shall vote only in such sections, and no institution shall be allowed more than one vote in any sectional meeting.

(3) Delegates from other institutions engaged in educational or experimental work in the interest of agriculture or mechanic arts may, by a majority vote, be admitted to conventions of the Association, with all privileges except the right to vote.

(4) In like manner, any person engaged or directly interested in agriculture or mechanic arts who shall attend any convention of this Association may be admitted to similar privileges.

SECTIONS.

(1) The Association shall be organized into sections upon (1) college work; (2) agriculture and chemistry; (3) horticulture and botany; (4) entomology; (5) mechanic arts. The executive committee shall, upon the request of any ten institutions represented in the Association, provide for the organization of provisional sections at any convention.

(2) Each section shall conduct its own proceedings and shall keep record of the same, and present a synopsis thereof to the Association at the close of every convention; and no action of a section, by resolution or otherwise, shall be valid until the same shall have been ratified by the Association in general session.

MEETINGS.

(1) This Association shall hold at least one meeting in every calendar year, to be designated as the annual convention of the Association. Special meetings may be held at other times, upon the call of the executive committee, for purposes to be specified in the call.

(2) The annual convention of the Association shall comprise general sessions and meetings of the sections, and provision shall be made therefor in the programme. The section meetings may be simultaneous or otherwise, at the discretion of the executive committee, but at least two sections of the Association, to be designated each year by the executive committee, shall present in general session of each convention a portion of the subjects coming before them.

OFFICERS.

(1) The general officers of this Association shall be a president, five vice-presidents, a bibliographer, and a secretary, who shall also be treasurer. The president, junior ex-president, the secretary, and four persons to be chosen by the Association, shall constitute an executive committee, which shall elect its own chairman.

(2) Each section shall, by ballot, nominate to the Association in general session for its action, a chairman and a secretary for such section.

(3) Officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual convention of the Association, and shall hold office from the close of the convention at which they are elected until their successors shall be chosen.

(4) Any person being an accredited delegate to an annual meeting of the Association, or an officer of an institution which is a member of the Association in full standing at the time of election, shall be eligible to office.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

(1) The officers of the Association shall perform the duties which usually devolve upon their respective offices.

(2) The president shall deliver an address at the annual convention before the Association in general session.

(3) The chairman of each section shall make, at the annual convention, a report to the Association in general session of the progress during the preceding year of the subject or subjects appertaining to his section, and such reports shall not occupy more than twenty minutes each.

(4) The executive committee shall determine the time and place of the annual conventions and other meetings of the Association, and shall, between such conventions and meetings, act for the Association in all matters of business. It shall issue its call for the annual conventions of the Association not less than sixty days before the date on which they are to be held, and for special meetings not less than ten days before such date. It shall be charged with the general arrangements and conduct of all meetings called by it. It shall designate the two sections to present in general session a portion of the subjects coming before them, and shall give notice thereof to the chairmen of such sections at least ninety days prior to the annual convention. It shall provide a well-prepared order of business and a programme of exercises, and shall make a seasonable issue of said programme. Said committee may fill any vacancy in an office or committee of the Association occurring after the adjournment of the annual convention, such appointee to serve until the next annual election.

FINANCES.

At every annual convention the Association, in general session, shall provide for obtaining the funds necessary for its legitimate expenses, and may, by appropriate action, call for contributions upon the several institutions eligible to membership; and no institution shall be entitled to representation or participation in the benefits of the Association unless such institution shall have made the designated contribution for the year previous to that in and for which such question of privilege shall arise, or shall have had said payment remitted by the unanimous vote of the executive committee.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended at any regular convention of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, if the number constitute a quorum: *Provided*, That notice of any proposed amendment, together with the full text thereof and the name of the mover, shall have been given in the call for the convention. Every such proposition of amendment shall be subject to modification or amendment in the same manner as other propositions, and the final vote on the adoption or rejection shall be taken by yeas and nays of the institutions then and there represented.

RULES OF ORDER.

(1) The executive committee shall be charged with the order of business, subject to special action of the convention, and this committee may report at any time.

(2) All business or topics proposed for discussion and all resolutions submitted for consideration of the convention shall be read and then referred, without debate, to the executive committee, to be assigned positions on the programme.

(3) Speakers invited to open discussion shall be entitled to twenty minutes each.

(4) In general discussions the ten-minute rule shall be enforced.

(5) No speaker shall be recognized a second time on any one subject while any delegate who has not spoken thereon desires to do so.

(6) The hours of meeting and adjournment adopted with the general programme shall be closely observed, unless changed by a two-thirds vote of delegates present.

(7) The presiding officer shall enforce the parliamentary rules usual in such assemblies and not inconsistent with the foregoing.

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